

**Interview Summary**

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
09/615,643	MEREDITH, THOMAS L.	
Examiner	Art Unit	
Brian E Pellegrino	3738	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Brian E Pellegrino. (3) Mark Patterson.  
 (2) Phillip Walker. (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 29 August 2002.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: all.

Identification of prior art discussed: Glimcher.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

- i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

  
 Brian E Pellegrino  
 Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: discussed a proposed amendment regarding a solid structure, and reviewed the Glimcher reference that did mention a "solid structure" such as a block of ceramic. Also, it was mentioned that it is unclear if applicant is intending to form a solid structure before it is implanted or applied to the body or have the bone material solidify after it is used and shaped, which can be important in interpreting the method. Also discussed that it would be more clear if applicant defined what is in the bone material.